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Here comes the West End NSL!

A \$3 million sponsorship deal with the South Australian Brewing Company Ltd and a \$200,000 deal with Mitre were the major announcements made by the National League at a media conference in Sydney on Monday.

For the next four years, Australia's premier competition will be known as the West End National Soccer League.

The South Australian Brewing Company Ltd already is heavily involved in sports sponsorships. It is one of the major supporters of Australian Rules football in SA, it is a major cricket sponsor, it sponsors the West End 36ers which won the National Basketball League title recently and it also sponsors the West End South Australian Open, the state golf tournament in the state.

"We believe that the financial and marketing support of the South Australian Brewing Company will boost the chances of Australians making their mark on the international scene by reaching the next World Cup finals and the Seoul Olympics," said John Braniff, general marketing manager of the South Australian Brewing Company.

We've reached a milestone in the history of soccer in Australia and what a wonderful way to celebrate the first decade of the National League," said NSW chairman Sam Papasavas.

The backing of the SA brewers will be divided equally between cash payments and promotions.

In response, the National League will pay for a series of 30-second TV commercials to be screened next year, highlighting the league's association with the brewing company.

The SA brewers also plan to mount a massive TV commercial campaign based around their support of Australian soccer.

Posters featuring top playing personalities, car stickers, sports bags, T-shirts, caps and

badges will form part of the promotional deal financed by the brewing company.

National League players will receive trackuits, sports bags and training tops — all in their club colors — displaying the West End logo and their club badge.

The Mitre sponsorship also spans the next four years and principally involves supplying match balls and training balls.

Mitre will supply the balls at cost, meaning that, in retail terms, its sponsorship is worth a great deal more than \$200,000.

NSL bosses, understandably,

are delighted with the sponsorship announcements, which end speculation over the future of the competition.

There were many cynics who believed that at most the NSL had two years left before the combined financial burden of its member clubs forced them to return to their respective state leagues.

That's no longer the case. Now the revamped 14-team NSL competition for 1987 can get off to a flying start. Maybe that's why there were so many smiling administrators at Monday's media conference.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE



The triumphant men of Green Gully who won the Ricoch Dockerty Cup by beating Preston Makedonia 2-1 last Sunday. Back row: Steve McLellan, Peter Kadlecik, Colin Quigley, Charlie Sant, Steve Douglas (partly obscured), Les Carter, Costa Theodosopoulos, Lou Denys. Front: Scott Fraser, John Grimaud, Frank Spiteri, Tommy Cumming and Danny Ward. Turn to page 7 for a full report of the Dockerty and Armstrong Cup Finals. Picture: LES SHORROCK.

Tsolakis set for Apollon

See you in '87

This is the last issue of 'Soccer Action' for 1986 but we'll be back bigger and better than ever early next year.

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Have a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

By CRAIG MACKENZIE



Peter Tsolakis with his trophy for being named the best player of the 1986 Buffalo Gold Cup.

"I've heard that players can be a bit lazy over there and some of them don't like running hard, which suits me because I'm prepared to give it everything I've got," said Tsolakis.

Tsolakis' teammate at Heidelberg, Cost Pappas, played in Greece for some time and has told Tsolakis that the wee man can make it over there. Tsolakis is confident that he'll do well.



Sam Papasavas: "A milestone in the history of soccer in Australia."

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Man of the match:
FRANK van HATTUM
(New Zealand)

NEW ZEALAND 1 (Deeley 60th) AUSTRALIA 1 (Arnold 55th) at Mt Smart Stadium, Auckland. Crowd: about 2000. Referee: Garry Fleet 5. Cautions: Kalantzis (Aust), Deeley (NZ), Turner (NZ), Savor (Aust). Sent off: Turner (NZ).

NEw Zealand: van Hattum 9 — Herbert 8, Booth 9, Dunford 8, Cresswell (inj. sub), Barclay 4, 15th, sub: McGarry 30th, McDowell 6, Cole 8, Whiteman 6, Turner (sent off 75th) — Deeley 8, Hagan 8. Coach: Kevin Fallon.

Australia: Oliver 7 — Yankos 9 — Savor 6, McDowell (inj. sub: Hunter 8, 15th), Dunn 8, Jennings 6 — Raskopoulos 7, Arnold 7, Wade 8 — Farina 2 (Zinni 80th), Kalantzis 7.

Playing at home, albeit in front of a meagre crowd, New Zealand offered little to suggest it will be a serious contender for a place in the Olympic Games in Seoul.

Frank van Hattum in goal and captain Alan Booth, playing his 55th international, were sound and useful, but going forward New Zealand had only one dangerous player, Andy Deeley, who scored the equaliser and apparently will be joining Heidelberg-Alexander next season. That will be the best thing the Kiwis will have going for them, for Deeley will get even better in Melbourne, and he will be a source of information for coach Kevin Fallon.

Australia lost Garry McDowell after only 13 minutes due to injury but his stand-in, Alan Hunter, and fellow centre-back Robbie Dunn will be lethal weapons when they move forward for corners and free kicks. Each should have scored at least one goal on Saturday.

Frank Farina was in good form in attack, but Andrew Zinni also was impressive in the 10 minutes during which he was on the park. Zinni is more direct and more dangerous



Laurie Schwab

than Farina and Kalantzis so he should be a regular.

Paul Wade maintained his high work rate in midfield, getting into the box at every opportunity, and using his aerial ability even though he was bleeding from a cut he received against the Victorian All-Stars three days previously.

The Socceroos had much more possession than New Zealand and more skill, but although Frank Fallon, Eddie Thomson both were pleased, I would expect much more over the next five or six matches if we are to be remotely confident about beating Israel in our Olympic qualifying series, let alone qualifying for the next World Cup.

New Zealand ended the game without Grant Turner because he was sent off in the 75th minute, after having earlier been shown the yellow card.

In the return match, at Parramatta Stadium in Sydney this weekend, penalties will be used to decide the outcome if the game again ends in a draw. No extra time will be played.

Australia's first promising attack was in the sixth minute when Robbie Dunn headed on a free kick from Peter Raskopoulos and Farina header forced a corner.

At the other end, Australian goalkeeper Jeff Oliver flew low to cut out a dangerous square ball from Turner.

McDowell was hurt in a tackle by Deeley and was carried off on a stretcher after unsuccessful attempts to fix the damage to his ankle ligaments.

As Hunter came on, New

Zealand also made a change, replacing injured left back Kenny Cresswell with Noel Barclay. Duncan Cole moved from midfield to left back to fill in for Cresswell.

Deeley blasted the ball over the bar as he look over a move started by Kevin Hagan, who was decked by the Australian defence. Australian swing back into attack with Wally Savor crossing, Raskopoulos picking up the clearance from Ricki Herbert, and Kalantzis to volley just wide.

Hunter missed narrowly with a header for a second time as Deeley strutted his stuff once more. Darren McClelland played the ball forward, and Deeley broke through to face Oliver, handling the ball in the process, so it wouldn't have counted even if he had been on target with his shot.

Dunn and Wade executed a fine move in the 44th minute. Dunn, just outside the penalty area, slipped the ball into space on his right, for Wade making a run. Dunn then ran into the goal area for Wade's cross but headed over the bar.

At half time Eddie Thomson said Australia was playing New Zealand at the park.

"The fluency of play from defence to the front is excellent," he said. "There's a huge difference between the two teams. We really look a side."

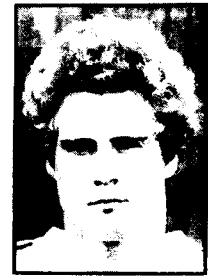
Kalantzis needed treatment behind the line after colliding with van Hattum just after the interval. After getting back onto the ground, he went for a long run towards goal beating the offside trap on the left, but van Hattum dived to deflect the shot for a corner. As the ball came over again, Dunn shot over van Hattum's head but Herbert cleared of the line.

Farina's finest moment resulted in a goal in the 52nd minute. He ran at Alan Booth,

NZ CAN'T STOP US GETTING TO SEOUL

Grant Turner sent off,

Garry McDowell hurt



Grant Turner

Dave Whitelove threw the ball to Cole who returned it to Whitelove for a cross headed down by Turner to Deeley who slammed it in at close range.

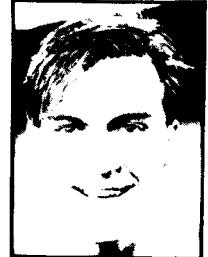
Then the Kiwis wasted the chance to go ahead when Whitelove shot across goal after Barclay had headed the ball down.

But Australia was even more unlucky when a shot by Arnold through Deeley in the 60th minute.

Dunn, also at close range, was foiled by van Hattum's best save of the game.

Zinni replaced Farina in the 80th minute and with his first touch he forced van Hattum to make a one-handed save.

Frank Arok said afterwards: "I am satisfied. It was a good game, of the highest quality for our region, with good build-ups and excellent saves by van Hattum. It was much more encouraging than I had hoped for from our brand new team."



Garry McDowell

New Roos give hope for future

"A brand new era in Australian soccer," went one of the buoyant, if not entirely overblown reactions to last Saturday's Socceroos display in Auckland.

Looking purely at the result, a none too historic 1-1 draw, and even the Australian dominance over an ageing, slouching and comparatively primitive New Zealand team, the description does indeed sound amusingly predictable, hardly objective and, frankly, stupid.

Australians have achieved draws in New Zealand before, and with dominance, without there being historic turning points in the games or the national team's development.

Even in this case, at the post-match news conference, Kiwi coach Kevin Fallon confessed that his team "lacked quality. Lacked a little class." In my view, which these days is clouded by what we saw from the glorious Czechoslovaks in August, the New Zealanders had no class, no quality.

And that wasn't anything new either. The New Zealanders, with their less money, smaller population, less resources overall and very different cultural demography (Continental migration which could help temper their essentially and homogeneously British influences is practically nonexistent in New Zealand), have never been able to measure up in class.

Their splendid recent record against us is due to their admirable fortitude against big brother from across the Tasman and, at various times, our own bumblings. They at least do know how to harness their resources much better than we do.

Yet, I would give some credence to the theory that there WAS something different about this Australian display. That it may spell a welcome new direction for Australian national teams.

It was, to throw in another cliché, not that Australia dominated but how and why it dominated that mattered.

As young and inexperienced as this team is, and as wary as we therefore must be about blurting out the superlatives, it does have the makings of a good football team — with the emphasis heavy on the word "football".

Without trivialising it by listing the names, at least seven of the 10 outfield players who started the game on Saturday are 100% fit and at least are partial to playing football, and not just "mad dogs".

On Saturday, we played the football and, in terms of physical competitiveness at the expense of footballing quality, it was the Kiwi who were the "mad dogs". It gave much pleasure that the "mad dogs" were outplayed and double the pleasure that it was Australia which outplayed them.

Before Saturday's game vision of Australia's display against Scotland in Melbourne last December were vivid in the memory, arousing an oppressive fear that it will be years and years before an Australian team, newly built, can play that way again.

Now the fear is gone, even compensating for the poverty of the opposition, the Australians played with a fluency and volume of thought I cannot recall since they beat Manchester City on the European tour of 1984.



LES MURRAY

It is not suggested that they are world beaters, or Scotland-beaters, or even ready to embark on a World Cup or Olympic campaign. But given that this was their first game together and the attitude with which they played it, the sign is good. It should, at the end of another three years, be a far better team than the one we had at the end of the World Cup sortie last year.

The most significant thing about all this is the type of players Australia had on the park on Saturday. And look at the pack that were on the bench: Tapai, Dakos, Zinni, Meita. Hardly a pack of "mad dog" reserves.

Perhaps it is an ironic omen, but I was most impressed with this team showed. Far more than I was impressed by Australia's display when the last World Cup preparations began, with those matches against England in 1983.

Make no mistake, Frank Arok, I suspect, still wants "mad dogs" in his team. "Mad dogs" by his definition, which is what they must be, "bastards" who compete till they drop and "die for the national team."

But what is clear is that the new direction is essential if Australia is to advance from the remnants of last year's achievements to a point where it can realistically hope for a spot in the 1990 finals.

That new direction, it appears, is to veer towards some sort of equality in confidence, produced by a winning, rather than resisting attitude.

The last Australian team, gallant and courageous, had been essentially an army of resistance, nurtured on how best to combat opposition with more class — like Israel and Scotland.

But there surely is no future in sheer resistance. I do not know what happened in the return leg against New Zealand on Sunday, but let's admit that in that leg the Kiwis played right into the hands of this young Australia.

At home, they played negatively, cautiously, against a young team which enjoys its football, which wanted to win and which took on the Australian shirt with a hopefully sustaining hunger.

Not all opponents will do that against Australia. But with a new winning attitude, with a conviction that we simply have to learn to out-play, out-think and out-create opponents to make progress, we should be able to beat most of them.

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MIRKO DAKIC WANTS TO COACH HERE

Mirko Dakic, an ex-Red Star Belgrade player, and recent understudy to Gojko Zek at Red Star, is in Australia looking for a club to coach.

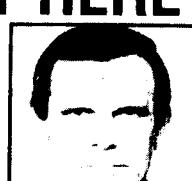
The 39-year-old has superb credentials and should prove an instant winner in Australia.

He joined Red Star in 1981 and came up through junior ranks to start a first team career that spanned seven years. He retired in 1974.

He played in one of the best teams Red Star ever produced, alongside greats such as Drazen Djajic, Dujkovic, Cop, Melic, Acimovic and Lazarevic I-1, all Yugoslav internationals.

After completing his tertiary level physical education studies, Dakic coached Kumano, Okazaki, Takovo and Radnicki before arriving to Red Star.

He arrived in Australia re-



Mirko Dakic

from the Yugoslav Football Association and from Red Star.

He also has a glowing reference from the great Miljan

Vieri, Schaefer, Prskalo or Garvey?

Roberto Vieri, Manfred Schaefer, Ivo Prskalo and Brian Garvey are on the short list of candidates to replace Les Scheinfug as coach of the team.

Scheinfug still is contracted to Marconi but has made it clear that once his contract expires in November, he'll sign a coaching contract with Blacktown.

Garvey became available after standing down last week as coach of Heidelberg. His replacement is Roy MacLaren, who formerly was on the coaching staff of Aston Villa, and who came to Melbourne earlier this year to coach State League club Northcote.

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Marconi president Tony Labbozetta is understood to be keen to talk to Garvey about the coaching post.

Meanwhile, one player the new Marconi coach won't be retaining is Osvaldo El'Ali, the club's Argentinean recruit.

El'Ali and Marconi reached a stalemate in contractual negotiations about three weeks ago and El'Ali flies back to Argentina today (Wednesday).

Raul Vique phoned 'Soccer Action' last

week. Vique claims that he is representing El'Ali's interests and that the talented striker, who played alongside Diego Maradona at Argentina if he gets the right offer.

"Osvaldo is looking for \$18,000 to sign on, \$400 a win, \$200 a draw and \$100 a loss," said Vique.

Clubs prepared to sound out the possibility of signing El'Ali can contact Vique at home on (02) 604 3515.

But such clubs also will have to contact Marconi.

"We've made it quite clear that if El'Ali

comes back to Australia he is a registered player with Marconi and if any club wants him they'll have to come and see us first," said Marconi secretary-manager Keith Charles.

Marconi started contractual negotiations with its players last week amid rumors of unrest and claims that Rod Brown is being chased by both Olympic and APIA. Tony Henderson and Peter Tredinnick also are tipped to be leaving Marconi but that probably will depend on how successful their negotiations with the club are.

Fallon slams Turner, Kossie could return

Garry McDowall is out injured but Grant Turner may be out of the national team permanently when Australia and New Zealand clash on Sunday at Parramatta Stadium in the return leg of the Winfield Series.

The Socceroos were the more impressive outfit during last Saturday's 1-1 draw in Auckland.

Turner, the Kiwi midfielder, was sent off in that match after an off-the-ball incident.

"Turner's history," said an angry Kiwi coach Kevin Fallon.

ASIANS MAY JOIN OCEANIA

By HELEN SCHWAB

The Asian Confederation will decide at a meeting in Taiwan on December 13 whether it will join with Oceania in pushing for three World Cup places between the two Confederations.

At the moment, Asia has two representatives in the World Cup finals, while the Oceania winner has to play off against a team from another region.

Last year, the Socceroos, as the Oceania winners, were drawn against Scotland. Next time, they will have to play against a South American team, but under the new proposal, they would go in

against an Asian country.

It should be accepted by the Oceania Confederation, as it would give Asia a possible third place in the World Cup Finals.

Oceania Confederation chairman Charlie Dempsey of New Zealand is confident that Oceania will get a better deal from FIFA — eventually.

"Already, we have won direct qualification to the under-16 and under-19 world championships and to the Olympic Games. The World Cup is our only remaining hurdle," he said.

Turner was suspended for one game but after serving his suspension he is unlikely to return to the New Zealand side judging by Fallon's outburst.

Fallon also could be without injured defender Kenny Cresswell who had to limp off last weekend.

"There is no fear to Kenny's hamstring. It's just a strain," said Fallon.

Kenny has a history of this sort of injury and he knows what to do. As soon as he felt it go on Saturday he knew to come off.

Richard Mulligan, a defender from Gisborne, will come into the side on Sunday if Cresswell isn't fit. Mulligan, a winger converted into a full-back, missed last weekend's clash due to injury but trained flat out on Monday in a solid, two-hour session.

Frank Arak isn't expected to make major changes to his line-up.

However, as we went to press, there still was doubt about the availability of striker John Kosmina who missed the game in New Zealand for family reasons. Kosmina still figures in Arak's plans and if available would take the place of Graeme Arnold or Frank Farina.

However, even though Zinni impressed during his short spell last weekend, he may have to content himself at present with substitute appearances.

Arak has a very high opinion of both Kalantzis and Farina and they certainly have done nothing wrong as they go about their task of trying to consolidate a berth in the starting line-up.

The Australian line-up should be: Oliver — Yankos — Savor, Dunn, Hunter, Jennings — Raskopoulos, Wade — Farina, Arnold or Kosmina, Kalantzis.

The Socceroos will fly to China on November 10 for international on November 13, 16 and 18. The first international, in Canton, will be for the Ampol Cup.



• Socceroo striker John Kosmina, in action against Sergio Brio of Juventus of Turin. Kosmina may return to the national team against New Zealand on Sunday at Parramatta Stadium.

Cypriots banned for two seasons

Cypriot club Apoel Nicosia has been suspended from European club competitions for two seasons after failing to turn up for a European Cup match against Besiktas Istanbul last week.

The club will also be fined 4000 Swiss francs (\$43900) and must pay the costs of delegates, referees and linesmen sent to the match. UEFA said after a meeting of its control and disciplinary committee in Zurich last weekend.

Besiktas, which had been due to play Apoel in Istanbul in the second round first leg of the European Cup, now automatically goes through to the quarter-finals.

The Cypriot club has until today (Wednesday) to appeal against the decision.

Apoel, under apparent pressure from the government of the Cyprus Republic, told UEFA it would not play the first leg because of the failure of the Turkish club to inform Apoel ... about certain conditions to be met.

The government earlier had banned the second return leg due to be held in Nicosia. The Cyprus Republic has had no diplomatic relations with Turkey since 1974 when Ankara's military intervention divided the island.

UEFA warned the Greek Cypriots that the ties would have to go ahead as planned.

Besiktas, cheered on by

Istanbul's Ali Sami Yen stadium on Wednesday to show UEFA officials it was ready to play.

The Turkish government apparently had little reservations about either the match or return leg and had given the go-ahead.

Here are all of last week's results:

European Cup

Vitkovice (Czechoslovakia) 1-0; Porto (Portugal) 0 (halftime 1-0); Real Madrid (Spain) 1; Juventus (Italy) 0 (1-0); Broendbyernes (Denmark) 2; Dymno Berlin (East Germany) 2 (0-0); Rosenborg (Norway) 0; Red Star Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 3 (0-1);流浪者 (Celtic (Scotland)) 1; Dynamo Kiev (Soviet Union) 1 (0-1); Bayern Munich (West Germany) 2; Austria Vienna (Austria) 0 (1-0); Anderlecht (Belgium) 3; Steaua

UEFA Cup

Sportul Studenesc (Romania) 0; Ghent (Belgium) 3 (0-1); Victoria Guimaraes (Portugal) 2; Atletico Madrid (Spain) 0 (0-0); Legia Warsaw (Poland) 3; Inter Milan (Italy) 2 (1-1); Widzew Lodz (Poland) 0; Bayer

Bucharest (Romania) 0 (0-0).
Cup Winners' Cup
Nentori Tirana (Albania) 0; Malmö (Sweden) 3 (0-0); Torpedo Moscow (Soviet Union) 2; Stuttgart (West Germany) 0 (1-0); Vitosha Sofia (Bulgaria) 2; Velez Mostar (Yugoslavia) 0 (0-0); Katowice (Poland) 2; Sion (Switzerland) 2 (2-0); Rapid Vienna (Austria) 1; Lokomotiv Leipzig (East Germany) 1 (0-1); Ajax Amsterdam (Netherlands) 4; Olympiacos Piraeus (Greece) 2 (2-0); real Zaragoza (Spain) 0; Wrexham (Wales) 0; Benfica (Portugal) 1; Bordeaux (France) 1 (1-1);

Uerdingen (West Germany) 0; Dukla Prague (Czechoslovakia) 0; Bayer Leverkusen (West Germany) 1; Hajduk Split (Yugoslavia) 3 (0-0); Plovdiv (Bulgaria) 1 (3-1); Torino (Italy) 4; Stahl Gotha (Hungary) 0 (3-0); Gothenburg (Sweden) 2; Stahl Brandenburg (East Germany) 0 (2-0); Dundee United (Scotland) 3; Unirea Cralova (Romania) 0 (0-0); Swarowski Tyrol (Austria) 2; Standard Liege (Belgium) 1 (1-0); Borussia Moenchengladbach (West Germany) 5; Feyenoord (Netherlands) 1 (2-1); Groningen (Netherlands) 0; Neuchatel Xamax (Switzerland) 1; Beveren (Belgium) 3; Athletico Bilbao (Spain) 2 (1-1); Toulouse (France) 3; Spartak Moscow (Soviet Union) 1 (1-0); Barcelona (Spain) 1; Sporting Lisbon (Portugal) 0 (0-0); Glasgow Rangers (Scotland) 2; Boavista (Portugal) 1 (2-1);

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Malaysia's vice-captain gets put out for life!

The vice-captain of Malaysia's national side was banned for life last week for offering bribes to his teammates to lose a match in the just concluded Asian Games in Seoul, officials in Kuala Lumpur said.

Wong Hung Nung, 28, who has denied the charges, was suspended from playing, coaching or holding any office in any association or club or participating in any tournament organised by the Football Association of Malaysia (FAM).

Announcing the decision, FAM vice-president Tengku Ahmad Rithauddeen said the inquiry board was satisfied that Hung Nung had offered 3,000 Malaysian dollars (\$A154) to each of the several players he approached to lose Malaysia's opening match against Saudi Arabia by two goals.

It was not clear if any Malaysian players accepted bribes.

Malaysia played Saudi Arabia on September 21 during the Asian Games group preliminaries in Kwangju and lost 1-3.

Mr Rithauddeen said that Hung Nung, who works in a local bank, could appeal to the executive council of FAM within 14 days.

Hung Nung presented compatriots Zainal Abidin Hassan and Kham Hung Meng to testify on his behalf at the inquiry and also presented a written submission.

The player was introduced to the national B team in 1977 and went on to captain the national side for a short spell.

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Garry McDowall is Arok's 'bad man'

AUSTRALIA 2 (Dunn 31st, Zinni 78th) VICTORIAN ALL STARS 1 (Paul Lewis 6th). Benefit match at Olympic Park No. 1, last Wednesday. Crowd: about 1,000. Referee: Chris Bambridge 4.

AUSTRALIA: Oliver 7 (Fraser 70th), Yankovic 8, Sawyer 6, McDowell 8, Dunn 6 (Hunter 67th), Jennings 6 — Raskopoulos 7, Wade 8 (Inj. Melita H.T. 6) — Farina 7 (Tapal 57th), Arnold 6 (Maxwell 57th), Kotsopoulos 5 (Inj. H.T. 7), Coach: Frank Arok.

VICTORIAN ALL STARS: Banovic 7 (Inj. Traianedes 41st, 71st), James 6 (Fraser 60th), Selimovski 6 (Dunn 67th), Hinchliffe 7 (Inj. Hinchliffe 72nd) — Biskic 7, MacLaren 6 (Lujić 70th), Belic 6, Tsolakis 6 — Egan 5, Paul Lewis 6. Coach: Brian Garvey.

Bobby Russell is all smiles after winning the 1986 NSL Rothmans Medal. Here he's being congratulated by, from left, former Scottish referee Bill Anderson, Green Gully coach Gus MacLeod and Victorian referee Stuart Fraser. Picture: LES SHORROCK.

Frank Arok had a piercing gleam in his eyes. He was rubbing his hands together and the eerie cackle escaping his lips would have brought a smile to Peter Lorre's face.

"I've found my bad man," said Arok.

And that "bad man" was Garry McDowall, who just had muscled his way into one of the two stopper's spots in Arok's team and left a few marks on the legs of some Melbourne Hellas team mate Charlie Egan in the process.

It was a benefit match for the victims of the Kalamata earthquake but Melbourne's weather wasn't charitable. Almost incessant rain from the early part of the afternoon forced the curtain raiser to be cancelled and the biting cold wind stopped a lot more people turning up for the 8pm kick off to what was Australia's last preparatory game before taking on the Kiwis in Auckland last weekend.

As you might expect, it wasn't half bad. And even though it wasn't a game played in anger it did have its moments of controversy.

Take Australia's winning goal, for example. It was off-side. Clearly offside. But referee Chris Bambridge wasn't aided by his linesmen who thought that Andrew Zinni was in an on-side position when he scored from close range.

The Victorian All Stars had been badly caught out on the break. Big McDowall burst through on the right and cut in towards the penalty area. Phil Traianedes, who had replaced the injured Yankovic late in the first half, confronted McDowall who nimbly side-stepped Traianedes. McDowall then played the ball forward to the far post. Zinni and Steve Maxwell were there with just Scott Fraser standing between them and the All Stars goal. That, of course, means that Zinni and Maxwell were off-side. Zinni stroked the ball into the unguarded goal for the winner. That was in the 78th minute.

Things didn't start well for Australia and Arok still has to settle on the players he wants to use at the back. Robbie Dunn was the other stopper (next to McDowall), Sally Savor and Graham Jennings were the fullbacks and Charlie Yankovic was sweeper.

"I'm probably giving away a

on his ankle but, believe it or not, was told that he would have to wait at least two hours before being X-rayed. He had a referral from the Soccerco team doctor but was told by hospital staff that he had to wait until being examined by one of their doctors. He didn't wait.

Three minutes into the second half, Maxwell combined well with Melita who cut inside a defender only to be denied by a fine one-handed save by Trainedes.

In the 51st minute, Don McLaren tried a one-two on the edge of the Soccerco penalty area. The return was too long but Yankovic took a swipe at the ball and completely missed it. Paul Lewis spun around, about six metres out, but shot wide. The Soccercos should have been punished.

Zinni's winning goal wasn't the only controversial incident in the match. In the 78th minute, McDowall brought down Egan from behind inside the penalty area. Referee Bambridge waved play on.

It was a penalty in my view. A clear penalty.

In the 84th minute, Maxwell lost the ball, won it back, cut inside from the right of the area and shot just wide of the far post. Two minutes later he had the best chance of the match.

Maxwell's strength and pace is going to give Arok plenty to think about. It's going to give Arnold and John Kosminski a lot to think about too.

Maxwell burst between two defenders and raced clear. Traianedes charged off his line and spread himself to effect an excellent save but without taking too much away from young Traianedes, Maxwell's finishing was poor.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

McSTAY BEST



Charlie Egan's young brother Eddie presents Paul McStay with his Player of the Year award from the Melbourne branch of the Glasgow Celtic Supporters' Club. McStay's award is for the 1985-86 season. Previous winners of the award are Charlie Nicholas, Brian McClair, Roy Aitken and Tommy Burns.

Nations Cup

Knox City's All Nations Trophy kicks off at Egan Lee Reserve, Knoxfield, on November 15 and the competition will be run over five weekends with the finals to be held on December 14.

The opening day games get underway at 1pm when Northern Ireland plays Argentina followed by the Croatia-Cyprus clash at 3pm. There are four games on Sunday, November 16 with the first match starting at 11am. The other preliminary round games will be played on the following three Sundays.

The first semi-final will kick off on Saturday, December 13 at 1pm followed by the second semi-final. The following day's programs start at 1pm with the final of the third and fourth places and the final of the 1986 All Nations Trophy gets underway at 3pm.

Gold medals will be awarded to players of the winning team along with a cheque for \$1,000. The runner-up receives silver medals and \$500, the third placed team receives \$300 and the fourth placed team will earn \$200.



Russell's Rothmans

Bobby Russell achieved a major milestone in a fine career when he won the 1986 NSL Rothmans Medal.

Russell's win was announced at a gala presentation night at Melbourne's Southern Cross hotel last week.

The South Melbourne Hellas defender polled 26 votes, two more than APIA defender Arno Bertoglio. Graeme Arnold of Sydney Croatia, Alan Hunter of Heidelberg and Tyrone James of George Cross tied for third with 20 votes apiece.

Here are all the votes:

- 26 — Russell (South Melbourne)
- 24 — Bergoina (APIA Leich)
- 20 — Arnold (Sydney Croatica)
- 19 — Hunter (Heidelberg), James (Sunshine)
- 18 — Franken (Canberra)
- 18 — Jackson (Brisbane Lions)
- 18 — Semelidis (Heidelberg)
- 17 — Skeet (St George), Isakakis (Heidelberg), Wade (Brunswick), Wheatley (Marconi)
- 16 — Nyskohus (Adelaide City), Gosling (Newcastle), Brown (Brunswick)
- 15 — Lane (Preston), Vlietstra (Wollongong)
- 14 — Budini (Inter Monaro), Scott (Adelaide Hellas), Wright (Brisbane Lions)
- 13 — Ingham (Newcastle), Phillips (Sydney Olympic), Rocic (Sydney Croatia), Slater (Blacktown)
- 12 — Latif (Footscray), Lowe (Marconi), Palacios (Canberra), Ratcliffe (St George)
- 11 — Blair (South Melbourne), Cumming (Green Gully), Faulkner (Sunshine), Illoski (Preston), James (Marconi), McIntosh (Melbourne Croatia)
- 10 — Cullen (Brunswick), El

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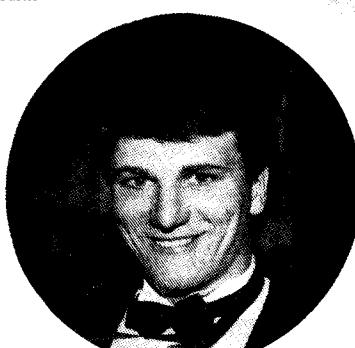
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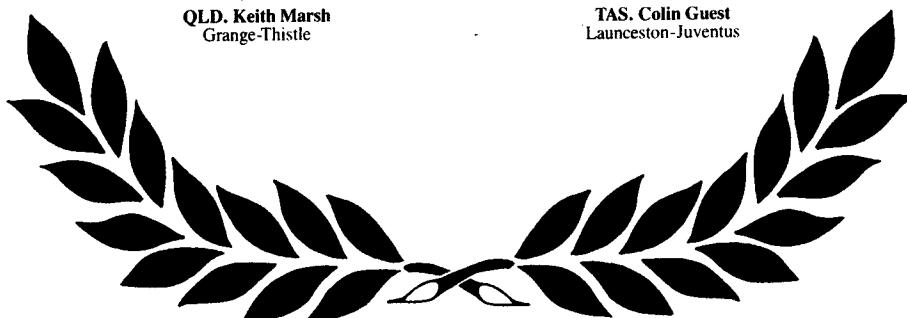
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WALLACE SPAT ON AND BOOED

But it's all in a day's work

By LES SHORROCK

He's seen 30 pieces of silver flung at his chairman, board members have thrown things at him, he's been spat on and booted, and he's undergone the trauma of having Australian soccer's most prestigious piece of silverware stolen and then mysteriously returned.

He is, of course, George Wallace, executive director of Australia's largest soccer body, the VSF.

By the time this year's VSF AGM comes round, on November 13, Wallace will have completed 10 years service with the VSF, a period when his battle-weary burgeoning movement has survived.

When he took over as secretary after the AGM of 1976, Wallace had one full-time assistant, Mrs Norah Kavan (she was my teacher, he says) and a part-timer. The VSF then comprised only 60 clubs. Now it has jurisdiction over 154 clubs, playing in 26 divisions, plus affiliated leagues like the Industrial, North-Eastern, Bendigo, Ballarat, Latrobe Valley, and so on which it oversees and advises.

The VSF's budget in 1970 was \$18,000, not it has grown to \$500,000 and the staff at Soccer House now number 10, including the caretaker and his watch-dog.

To cope with the logistics of such a massive undertaking, the office is now computerised, and one member of the staff has a full time job for the next two years just programming the details of the 100,000 players of all ages the VSF has to look after. No doubt by the time she has finished the number will have doubled.

Administering all this is a massive task, but Wallace says through it all, "I say that's probably because he's been continually exposed to the traumas of the job, and in his 16 years in Fitzroy Street, there have been plenty."

"The VSF has grown much more democratic in my time," he says, happily.

"If you remember back to 1970, we had the infamous low-low form, and the State League ran everything."

Only one club could gain promotion from the Metro League (now Victorian League) into the State League last year, those days and the State League dominated the board

and the appointments to it. It was this domination that led to the incident over the 30 pieces of silver.

The State League always used to hold its own caucus meeting just prior to the board election. The jobs like chairman, deputy chairman, and treasurer already were allotted before the actual voting. So one club delegate who had aspirations to leadership found himself out in the cold and at the first meeting of the new Board, threw a bag containing 30 silver coins at the Chairman, Mr Sam Papasavas.

"I'll never forget it," says Wallace.

Sam went white and looked stunned, and I said: "Remember your Bible, Mr. Chairman, as his minister of 'Judas' is dead over."

Board meetings could be rough in those days. One member recalls fondly kicking another downstairs, one threw his spectacles at Wallace, and a vice-president was assaulted with cries of "resign, resign" when he was detected using a pocket tape-recorder. The board was paranoid about the press too, and one deputy chairman, who has since left the scene, managed to force through a resolution that said no journalist should ever be a board member.

Wallace doesn't like that these days, of course, and a lot of the improvement can be attributed to the calming influence and the growing authority of Wallace.

Wallace exudes an air of a man on top of his job, although that unfappable exterior hides a volatile nature that once saw him being restrained from walking out of the job by then president, the late Theo Marmaras.

He is used to being successful too. In both of his previous careers — in the army and as a referee — he rose right to the top.

After being conscripted into

the British Army in 1944, he left in 1948, but was lured back in 1952 and by the time he took his "golden bowler" in 1970 and came back to civilian life he had risen to the rank of Staff Sergeant Major, and was holding down the post of Chief Clerk to the Chief of Staff in the UK, in other words, the highest ranking clerical officer in the British Army.

He had taken up refereeing in 1949, when he was temporarily out of the army, qualifying with the Manchester County FA. (Although born in London he is a transplanted Mancunian, and to this day a fervent Manchester United fan).

In his early refereeing days he officiated at such exotic spots as Southern Cemetery and Bogong while Commandant of the army, his refereeing career really took off, until during a three-year stint in Nigeria, he refereed the Nigerian Cup Final and international matches such as Nigeria v Ghana, as it was then known. He was an English FA grade one ref by then and once more back home, refereed the Army Cup Final between a battalion from West Germany and one from England. His biggest match ever though was the international between the Belgian army and the French army in 1969 at which the name of his linesmen was Fred Royton, who later refereed here.

He was demobbed shortly after that, and found himself back in the grocery trade. It didn't suit him any more though and since his wife Jessie's sister was already in Australia, thoughts naturally turned to emigrating. His elder son Michael came first, followed by George, Jessie and Ian. Then lucky break came late in 1970 when Wallace won in the sales department of Nylex. VSF secretary Len Wilmer re-

signed to go to the Victorian Swimming Union and Wallace applied for the job and got it.

Without being at all smug about it, he says the job changed his life.

"Just to illustrate how much," he says, "let me tell you about the last match I saw before we emigrated. It was Manchester United v Stoke City at Old Trafford, and I stood right at the very top of the terracing. The next day later it was back at Old Trafford, but I was in the Boardroom as an honored overseas guest, and I've been back there several times since."

"That brings me to probably the most embarrassing moment of all. On one trip overseas, I was in the Manchester United Boardroom, talking to Sir Matt Busby, when I heard my name, and turned round to see this fan in an open-necked short and massive United scarf, accompanied by his young son, carrying a rattle. I then had to introduce him to all and sundry as a member of my board!"

He had another nasty experience when the Dockey Cup disappeared from Fawkner's keeping just before last year's final. However, after a week of worry, the famous piece of silverware just as mysteriously reappeared again. Wallace knows the story, but his lips are sealed.

"Those are just two of the lows in my term of office," he says.

"As for the high points of 16 years here, they would have to be the 1981 World Youth Cup and our visit to Scotland in December. To be part of the organising team that hosted the Youth World Cup was a thrill I'll never forget, and that goes for Scotland too."

"I suppose when I first started in this job I never in my wildest dreams could have imagined Victoria hosting a World Cup qualifying match involving Scotland."

Wallace is very optimistic about soccer's future here.

"I think the game is healthy here, maybe even healthier than it has ever been."

"There are less spectators, but there are more participants, as our registered player figures show."

"What I would like to see is more clubs being enterprising enough to install floodlighting, because I think that the type of fixture we have at the moment at the end of the season could be avoided by mid-week floodlight games. Talking of floodlighting, I have put it to the Olympic Park management that if they go to the expense of covering No. 2 ground with an artificial surface, they should consider floodlighting it as well."

"I think the Olympic Park management needs to re-think its attitude to soccer altogether."

"If Brunswick Juventus follows Footscray and Heidelberg's example and moves out to share the John Cain Reserve with Northcote, Olympic Park will be left with only Melbourne Croatia, and it can't wait for the day it can move."

"It's a sad state of affairs that the best soccer ground in Australia could soon be without a tenor, when you consider what soccer has done for Olympic Park in the last 30 years."

"But I don't want to end on a down note. I'm extremely optimistic about the future of soccer, and I think that from the national team right down to the amateurs, it's only going to get better."



• VSF executive director George Wallace gets down to work at his office in Soccer House. Picture: LES SHORROCK

TOP TEAMS IN HELLENIC CUP

The 1986 Hellenic Cup kicks off on Sunday at Paisley Reserve, Mills Street, North Altona and 31 teams have entered including NSL giants South Melbourne Hellas and Heidelberg and State league clubs Caulfield City, Western Suburbs and Northcote.

The Victorian Leagues also are well represented with First Division champion Oakleigh, Traralgon runner-up and Victorian League Cup winner Clifton Hill, Victorian League Cup finalist Hawthorn United and Fourth Division champion Clarindale all participating.

Yarraville is the host club for the fifth Hellenic Cup. Previous winners are Caulfield (1982), Clarinda (1983), South Melbourne Hellas (1984) and Northcote (1985).

Two grounds will be in use throughout the competition and the draw is:

Sunday, November 2

1.30pm: Northcote v Hawthorn; Yarraville v Apollo United; 3pm: Oakleigh v Burwood; Clarinda v Northcote United; 4.30pm: Mordialloc v Upfield; Shepparton v East Richmond.

Wednesday, Nov. 5

5.30pm: Ascot Vale v Malvern City; Caulfield v South Springvale; 7pm: Heidelberg v Caulfield.

Wednesday, Nov. 12

5pm: Brunswick v Lemnos; North Melbourne v Western Suburbs; 6.30pm: South Springvale v Clifton Hill; Traralgon v Caulfield.

Saturday, Nov. 15

1.30pm: Northern United v Yarraville; Brighton v Collingwood City; Hellas v Lemnos; 4.30pm: North Melbourne v Brighton; Traralgon v Caulfield v Clinton Hill; Malvern City v Oakleigh.

Saturday, Nov. 18

1.30pm: Northcote v Hawthorn; Yarraville v Burwood; Clarinda v Northcote United; 4.30pm: Upfield v East Altona; 5.30pm: Upfield v East Richmond; Lemnos v Traralgon; 6pm: Upfield v Shepparton; Collingwood City v North Melbourne.

Two teams from each group will advance to the second round which starts on Wednesday, November 26, and two teams from each of the second round will advance to the quarter finals to be played on Wednesday, December 3. The semi-finals are on Sunday, December 14 and the final is on Sunday, December 21.



Nov. 2 ~ Dec. 21

Sunday, November 16

10am: Hellas v Brunswick; Burwood United v Ascot Vale; 11.30pm: South Springvale v Doncaster; Heidelberg v Hawthorn City; 1pm: Western Suburbs v Brighton; Lalor v East Altona; 2.30pm: Mordialloc v East Richmond; Lemnos v Traralgon; 4pm: Upfield v Caulfield.

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Swiss to host '98 finals?

The World Cup Finals in Mexico showed a 25 per cent increase in revenue compared with the 1982 event in Spain, FIFA announced last week.

General secretary Sepp Blatter told a news conference arranged to coincide with the 1986 World Cup draw: "FIFA anticipates that detailed profit figures would not be available until later this year after they had been approved by the executive committee."

Blatter said Brazil, the United States and Morocco had already written to FIFA announcing their intention to bid to host the 1994 World Cup. Formal FIFA invitations to apply would be sent out next February, he said.

Total income from the 1986 finals amounted to 144 million Swiss Francs (\$A142 million) against 115 million francs (then \$A5.3 million) in 1982 in Spain. Blatter said ticket sales brought in 50 million Francs

(\$A49 million), television rights 49 million (\$A48.3 million) and marketing 45 million (\$A44 million).

Havelange said that as a gesture of sympathy a donation of \$US1.3 million (\$A2 million) had been made to the Swiss Red Cross to be passed on to its Mexican equivalent to help reconstruct schools and rehabilitation of families affected by the disastrous earthquake in September last year.

Heinrich Rothlisberger, president of the Swiss Football Association, said the SFA intended to apply for the 1994 World Cup, and that the Swiss government and industry was in place and the only problem was the quality of stadiums as FIFA requirements demand five stadiums, each with a minimum 40,000 capacity.

Havelange said the SFA would have FIFA's backing if it decided to apply.

Rigby to trial with Southampton

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Queensland teenager Guy Rigby is off to England to spend January with leading club Southampton, thanks to becoming the first winner of the unique Central Queensland Soccer Academy scholarship.

Rigby will be the first of many promising footballers taken to the brink of professionalism by the academy, central Queensland coaching director Richard Evans predicted.

Five other youngsters from the academy's first year of operation have been tagged as players to watch, with two or more graduates to be awarded scholarships similar to Rigby's next year and beyond.

It's been a big year for young Rigby who also has won the \$4,000 Thiess Contractors' scholarship. That will take him to the Lufthansa International training camp at the Henner sports complex in West Germany.

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Final hoodoo haunts Makedonia

Man of the match:
DANNY WARD
(Green Gully)

GREEN GULLY 2 (Theodosopoulos 75th, Ward 84th) PRESTON MAKEDONIA 1 (Cole penalty 28th). Dockerty Cup Final at Olympic Park No. 1, Sunday. Crowd: about 1,750 (double header). Reference: Evan Venios 6.

GREEN GULLY: Denys 8 —

By CRAIG MAC KENZIE

Cannell 7, Grimaud 7, McLelland 7 — Douglas 6, Quigley 8, Carter 5 (Hogben H.T. 6), Theodosopoulos 6, Fraser 6, Campbell 7, Ward 9. Coach: Gus MacLeod.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Traianedes 8 — McLennan 6, Dobson 7, Ward 8, Ilioski 6 — Cole 7, Denys 7, Hey 6, Cole 7, Lane 5 (Smith 70th). Coach: Bill Murray.

"See what happens when you rejoin the VSF? You end up winning \$6,000," said a delighted Green Gully president Guy Spiteri after his team had made sure that Makedonia's final hoodoo would haunt it at least until next season.

Spiteri was referring to the winner's cheque his club will receive for defeating Makedonia 2-1 in the final of the 1986 Ricoh Dockerty Cup.

Makedonia had the better of the first half, Gully the second. The match, as a spectacle, never reached great heights but the more Gully kept grinding away and in the end gained a reward for its efforts.

Gully coach Gus MacLeod had used just three men of the back during his team's march into the final and he maintained that approach here. Steve McLelland and Stuart Cannell were picking up with young John Grimaud as the spare man.

Lou Denys was playing his 310th game for Gully and possibly his last. Denys was superb, especially in the first half.

Sean Lane put Gary Cole through on the left of the Gully penalty area in the 10th minute but Denys was off his line in a flash and smothered well.

In the 18th minute Ian Roodhouse, long distance from the left, was cleared on by Cole and headed goalward by Ron Campbell. Denys, on the back-movement, flung himself up and tipped the ball over.

Roodhouse made a great run in the 25th minute, one that should have resulted in a goal. He broke through the middle and slipped the ball inside to Cole. The big forward had the chance to shoot but passed it up. Instead, Cole slipped the ball wide to Lane on the left but with too much weight on the pass. Lane cracked the ball down then played it back to



• Costa Theodosopoulos (white strip) heads home the goal that levelled the scores in last Sunday's Ricoh Dockerty Cup Final. Others pictured, from left: George Sifkas, Gary Cole, Danny Ward (partly obscured) and Martin Woodall.

George Petrov whose far post cross was headed clear.

It was a slick move for no result.

Five minutes later, Lane sent Cole motoring down the left. Cole looked up and saw Campbell charging in. Cole's presented chip would have presented Campbell with a simple header from about six metres but Denys not raced out of mid-air as Campbell was setting himself for the header.

But Makedonia didn't have to wait long before hitting the front. In the 38th minute, Zoran Ilioski robbed Scott Fraser wide on the left. Ilioski's cross was blocked. The ball lobbed up in the air and

young Grimaud broke clear with it and referee Evan Venios ruled that Grimaud had handled and pointed to the penalty spot.

It was a controversial decision.

Nevertheless, up strode Cole and he converted from the penalty spot in his usual clinical manner.

Three minutes into the second half, Tommy Cumming gave a hint of things to come. He nutmegged Ian Dobson, charged toward goal then kicked and the ball trickled straight into Phil Traianedes' hands.

A minute later, Cumming played the ball to Danny Ward whose low drive whistled just wide of the near post.

Dave Hogben had replaced Les Carter at half time and shortly after Ward's miss, Hogben clashed with Roodhouse in centre field. Roodhouse was left motionless on the ground after their challenge for a 50/50 ball. Venios booked Hogben and after treatment Roodhouse soldiered on.

In the 67th minute, Cumming's firm drive struck Dobson and sailed just over the bar with Traianedes wrongfooted by the deflection.

Traianedes made a splendid reflex save in the 66th minute. Fraser sent his corner over to the far post where Cannell won it well in the air. Cannell headed firmly and Cumming swivelled around and got a touch to the ball but Traianedes got down in a flash to hold it.

Two minutes later Cumming left Martin Woodall in his wake out wide on the left. Cumming drove the ball back to Ward whose first-time effort went wide of the near post.

Ward's mobility was causing problems for Makedonia and Cumming was right in the thick of things too. It came as no sur-

prise when Costa Theodosopoulos equalised in the 75th minute.

Fraser sent his free kick to the far post where the incoming Theodosopoulos threw himself forward and headed past Traianedes.

If any Makedonia player harbored lingering doubts about winning the Dockerty Cup then this goal would have had a shattering effect.

Makedonia lost three goals last year. Everyone knows that. But it was the way in which they lost the National Cup and Southern Division finals that was a major talking point.

In both finals Makedonia led. In both finals it was sunk by late goals.

Nothing had changed. Gui-

ly's winner came in the 84th minute when Cumming spun around and drove the ball into the goalmouth. Ward charged in and his first time effort gave Traianedes no chance.

Understandably, Gully players are ecstatic when Venios whistled for the last time. They had a dismal season and were going to savour every moment of joy offered them.

Graham Heys was a dejected figure as were his teammates. Heys wanted to walk into the dressing rooms immediately after the final. The presentation ceremony meant little to him. He's got enough runner-up medals to last a lifetime.



• Green Gully midfielder Les Carter lets fly at goal.

Croatian tournament

Melbourne Croatia will host the big Croatian tournament which kicks off on Friday, November 14 and involves 16 teams.

Group A consists of Melbourne Croatia, North Geelong Croatia, Hadjuk Chelsea and Diana Morell.

Group B consists of Croatia Adelaide, Croatia Whyalia, Croatia Mount Gambier and Mostar Melbourne.

Group C consists of Sydney Croatia, King Tomislav, Bosna Syney and Croatia South Coast.

Group D consists of Croatia Deakin, St. Albans Dinamo, Croatia Launceston and Zagreb Mildura.

All games will be played at Churchill Reserve. The tournament ends on Sunday, November 16.

Wilson Dinamo's best

Mark Wilson won St. Albans Dinamo's best and fairest award.

Robert Kracic was runner-up and Eddie Kuman was third.

Dinamo's top scorer award went to Dennis Morovic. Even though Morovic was overseas and missed half the season his 11 goals earned him the honour.

The best young player and improved player went to Ante Kustura and Kuzman won the best clubman award.

Best and fairest in the reserves was Saniko Rastovic, brother of first teamer Svetko. Top scorer in the reserves was Ivica Kelic.

THE CELTS ARE SINGING

Man of the match:
MICHAEL MURPHY
(Celtic)

PRAHRAN CELTIC 3 (McDade 50th, 82nd, McCaffrey 105th)
FRANKSTON PINES 2 (Park 40th, penalty 45th). Armstrong Cup Final at Olympic Park No. 1, Sunday. Crowd: about 1,750 (double header). Reference: Jim Souter 6.

PRAHAN CELTIC: 1. Orrock, 2. Griffiths, 3. Attwells, 4. Orrock, 5. Reid, 7. Fernandez, 8. Webb, 9. Keenan, 10. Richardson, 11. Murphy, 12. McCaffrey, 13. Janssen, 14. Bingham, 15. Hodgson, 16. Barker, 17. McMinimie, 18. Richardson, 19. Park, 20. Lewis, 21. McMillen, 22. Lewis, 23. Debols, 24. Jim Souter, 25. "Hail! Hail! The Celts are here. What the hell do we care. What the hell do we care..."

This was the start to Prahran Celtic's club song and it was sung at full blast after this memorable Armstrong Cup Final and no doubt still was echoing around the streets of Melbourne as the party that started in the dressing rooms of Olympic Park migrated to the Windsor Castle Hotel.

What a game. What a great game. In fact this match could have had star billing in the double header on Sunday and done us all proud.

The young Pines side no doubt was devastated after losing away 2-0 lead but deserves credit for making a significant contribution in the best Armstrong Cup Final seen in years.

This match will be remembered for its stirring extra time finish. It will be remembered for Celtic's remarkable comeback. It should also be remembered for the display by Celtic

striker Michael Murphy, whose mobility, aggression, tremendous heart and character were perfect complements to the consummate close control and passing skills of midfielders Dave Webb, Brendan Keogh, Celtic's big left-winger, who seized a great chance to open the scoring in the 5th minute and five minutes later a superb Webb cross from the right was headed over by Murphy.

In the 15th minute Fernandez shrugged off two defenders on the right and tried to cut the ball back into the goalmouth but Pines goalkeeper Rick Janssen read the situation well, charging off his line and smothering Fernandez's attempted cutback.

Within a minute a slinging Fernandez volley smacked the Pines bar.

In the 22nd minute a vicious drive from Webb saw Janssen parry the ball over the bar.

Pines had gone into the match as a wannabe favorite but their Second Division opponents were doing all the pressing.

Pines finally cracked Celtic's well-drilled offside play in the 40th minute and Park slotted the ball past Ian Orrock to make it 1-0.

Five minutes later it was 2-0 after Orrock raced off his line and slid down to try and clear from in front of the bar.

Orrock is a determined player who hit the post and when Barker hit the turf those of us in the Press Box were as stunned as Orrock and his team mates when the referee pointed to the penalty spot.

Park converted and it looked like Pines had the Cup firmly in their grasp.

Five minutes into the second half Celtic's magnificent comeback started.

Webb played a great ball to Fernández who cut inside from the right and struck a low shot which hit the far post.

John McDade was following up and smacked the ball in from close range to make it 2-1.

A free kick by Webb in the 57th minute set up George Keenan who turned and blasted his shot wide and in the 71st minute Murphy broke through only to poke the ball into Janssen's hands.



• Prahran Celtic captain Jimmy Griffiths proudly displays the 1986 Armstrong Cup.

A minute later a Hodgson free kick took a slight deflection and struck the far post but then Keogh raced clear but Janssen smothered superbly and the ball was scrambled clear before a Celtic player could latch on to the rebound.

In the 77th minute Pass put Richardson through for what looked certain to be the clincher. Richardson faced Ian Orrock and tried to force him into committing himself. Orrock had the ball well under control.

Just when a penalty shout-out was looming up bobbed Celtic substitute Peter McCaffrey with the clincher.

The move leading to his goal started with a great break by Murphy down the left and when McCaffrey shot, the ball struck the near post and rolled across part of the goal line before finally going in.

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Banks, then with Stoke City, is presented with his 1972 Footballer of the Year award.

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The 1986 Qantas World Cup kicks off on Saturday, November 8 and promises to be the biggest and best competition of its kind in Australia.

The table at left shows all the fixtures and dates for matches involving 16 teams made up of top local players.

The winning team will fly to New Zealand for 10 days, courtesy of Qantas, and Tony Kennedy, organiser of the tournament, is in the process of arranging games in New Zealand.

The winning team, the runner-up and the third placed team all will receive medals — gold, silver and bronze — for the 16 players in every squad.

George Buttigieg is sponsoring the trophy for the best and fairest player of the 1986 Qantas World Cup and there also will be a trophy presented to the tournament's top

goalscorer, courtesy of Slavco and Yugoslav newspaper 'Novosti'.

There also will be gifts presented to the best and fairest players from every team, thanks to Neville Fisher.

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UK trip

Qantas World Cup organiser Tony Kennedy has organised a trip to Scotland, Northern Ireland and England next year for Australian under 15, under 17 and under 19 teams. The three squads will leave Australia on July 3 for three weeks of competition in the UK.

If you are interested in trying out for these squads here are the people to contact:

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The teams will take part in the week-long Aberdeen International Soccer Festival, then spend the remainder of the tour in England, playing in competitions in Liverpool, Manchester City, Blackburn and Preston North End.

So if you qualify for these squads and harbor a desire to try and break into the English game, this could be your chance. Fund raisers are planned at present to raise money towards the airfares.

Parents also can come, so get to it now and phone the organisers. Want the details? Call 7020 1111.

73 caps for the

By PAUL MOON

Organisers of the Qantas World Cup could not have invited a more appropriate guest of honor to grace their event than Gordon Banks.

Banks started in two World Cup finals and, for almost a decade, was one of the top goalkeepers in the game. A sizeable number of experts consider him to be the greatest goal minder of all time.

Born in the northern industrial city of Sheffield on the penultimate day of 1897, he turned professional when 17, joining Ernest Jones' Third Division club Chesterfield from Rawmarsh Welfare, but had to wait over three years before making his first team debut.

It took Banks just 23 league games to prove himself worthy of better things and in May, 1959, he was transferred to First Division Leicester City for \$10,000.

Leicester, under wily Scottish manager Matt Gillies, was building a very useful combination. With Banks a watertight line of defence, Leicester became one of the major forces in English soccer.

He was already an England under-23 representative when making the first of what proved to be many appearances at Wembley Stadium in the 1961 FA Cup Final. Unfortunately it was one of his less memorable displays at the famous arena as overwhelming favorite Tottenham Hotspur completed an historical league cup "double" with a 2-0 win.

A couple of years later, Leicester returned to Wembley as the fancied side. It had finished fourth in the First Division, whereas opponent Manchester United narrowly avoided relegation. Yet United, with Dennis Law in irresistible form, won more comfortably than the 3-1 score-line suggests.

By this time, Banks was a full international, having made his England senior debut a month earlier in a 2-1 defeat by Scotland. The team reduced to 10 men in the opening minutes.

The Yorkerman, Wembley luck changed in a 1963-64 season which saw him consolidate his place as an England player. He faced a Rest of the World side defeated 2-1 in the English FA's Centenary fixture and Northern Ireland beaten 8-3 during Wembley's first floodlight game. In addition, Leicester won its first, and to date only, major honor by capturing the Football League Cup.

When the 1966 World Cup commenced, Banks was indisputably England's number one goalkeeper, though hardly a household name, recognised on the streets of London, Birmingham and Manchester. When they were completed, he had been elevated to the status of national hero.

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Plumbing Pty Ltd in Cranbourne and the bronze medals are being donated by Ernie and Linda Mullins.

England's most capped goalkeeper and one of the finest goalkeepers in the history of the game, Gordon Banks, will be the guest of honor at the tournament. He arrives on December 1 and flies back to England on December 16. During his stay he will be based at the Dorset Gardens Hotel in Croydon and will make a number of media appearances as well as attending sportsmen's rights at various soccer clubs.

Already, one of Banks' appearances has been confirmed — at Croydon Park on Friday, December 5. He will be the guest speaker at a night which also features a band and minstrel show from phoning Croydon on 25 6185, Tony Kennedy on 763 7542 or Joy Jenkins on 762 3518.

SBS TV will provide a one-hour coverage of the final of the Qantas World Cup involving principally action from the final but also a series of interviews.

The grand finale to the tournament features Cup Final dance in Green Gully's superb social club. Doors open from 6pm to 11.30pm and tickets are just \$20 each which covers food and drink.

"Tina and the Tornadoes" will provide great rock and roll entertainment and Joe Docherty will provide plenty of laughs.

Complaints have been received from

people living in Melbourne's eastern suburbs that the drink-drive factor is a problem, especially given the distance they have to travel. But their problems have been solved.

On the day of the final, a bus will leave the Club Hotel in Ferntree Gully at 10am and another will leave from Box Hill at the same time. The bus will bring people from those areas to Green Gully and take them home after the dance. The bus trip is free! It will cost \$23 a head (\$3 for admission to Green Gully Reserve and \$20 for the Cup Final dance) but, in all, the buses only will carry 80 passengers so phone Tony Kennedy immediately for bookings.

Now, onto the main sponsors of the Qantas World Cup, sponsors who have been backing these World Cup tournaments since their appearance on the Melbourne soccer scene four years ago.

Once again, Medibank Private is a sponsor. This year, it is sponsoring the Junior World Cup trophy. Ansett already has come to the fore, in sponsoring the interstate trips necessary to get the tournament off the ground and flying many interstate personalities to Melbourne for the World Cup. Ametco Travel and Ricoh are providing a camera for the best and fairest junior player; Buffalo Sports are providing the match balls for the tournament; Lambros Kardamitis has made available a Mercedes-Benz for the duration of Banks' stay; Australian Nationwide Tours are providing the two buses from the eastern suburbs to Green Gully Reserve on Cup Final day while Ron McLeod is donating his services as the official photographer of the World Cup.

This World Cup tournament has unlimited potential and Tony Kennedy wants to thank all the players, clubs, spectators and sponsors for making it possible.

Next year's World Cup will be held at Schinetti Reserve, home of Footscray JUST.



• Qantas World Cup organiser Tony Kennedy.

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Banks flew to Mexico

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push a bullet-like header

from Pele over the bar, re-

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any Mundial.

Banks eventually won that

game through a solitary goal.

England was the only team to

stretch the eventual tourna-

ment winner and the Anglos

probably would have provided

those great Brazilians of 1970

with a stern challenge had they

not met that terrible disaster.

They didn't reach the trophy

desire was due to a large de-

gree, to the stomach illness

which struck Banks only hours

before England lined up

against West Germany in the

quarter-finals.

Replacement goalkeeper

Peter Bonetti experienced a

nightmare game as the Ger-

mans came from two goals

down to win an epic encounter

3-2.

Back home, Banks displayed

some of the best form of his

career as Stoke were renew-

a formidable chapter. The

Shropshire club seemed to

be on its way to a first ever FA

Cup Final appearance when

Arsenal 2-0 in the semi-

final, only for the "Gunners" to

fight back and equalise in the

dying seconds, immediately

after Banks was illegally im-

peded when contesting a cross.

An unsighted referee missed

the incident and Arsenal went

on to win the replay 2-0.

Stoke's Wembley debut was

merely delayed for one year though. The "Potters" not only

reached the 1972 Football

League Cup Final, but lifted

the trophy after defeating

Chelsea 2-1 amid nationwide

delight.

Banks, as ever, was superb

in the final, but whenever he

looks at his winners' tankard

the forenoon memory evoked

is that of the semi-final in

West Ham United, which Stoke

won by the odd goal in nine

thanks to its goalkeeper's bril-

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World Cup hero Geoff Hurst.

The quarter-finalists

had been eliminated by

West Ham United, which Stoke

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thanks to its goalkeeper's bril-

liant penalty save from fellow

World Cup hero Geoff Hurst.

An even greater accolade

followed soon afterwards in

the form of the 1972 English

Footballer of the Year trophy.

Like many goalies, Banks

reached the peak of his ability

in his mid-30s and must have

anticipated further honors be-

fore retirement. There was

that elusive FA cup winners'

medal to aim for and, perhaps,

opportunities of additional

World Cup glory.

Alas, it was not to be. A near

tragic car accident left the

great goalkeeper blind in his

right eye in October, 1972 and

forced him to prematurely

hang up his gloves.



• The great Gordon Banks — one of the finest goalkeepers in the history of world soccer. His unavailability due to illness cost England dearly in the 1970 World Cup Finals in Mexico.

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Il 1986 e' stato un anno di grosse soddisfazioni, e qualche amara delusione, per la tifoseria italiana in Australia. E' stato indubbiamente l'anno della Juventus di Adelaide che vincente il titolo nazionale sena il libretto degli "assegni facili" ha dimostrato che il calcio e' essenzialmente ancora uno sport dove impegno, passione e buon senso possono dare ottime risultati.

Ovviamente perciò il 1986 e'

Kubala at Murcia

• Ladislav Kubala, who as a player represented Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Spain before coaching the Spanish national team for 10 years, has been appointed coach of Spanish First Division club Real Murcia.

• Mexican World Cup striker Carlos Hermosillo is currently serving a 12-match suspension imposed for provoking a brawl involving all 22 players during a domestic league game. The donnybrook led to the game's abandonment after just 19 minutes.

• The Brazilian federation plans to celebrate its 75th anniversary in June 1989 with a tournament involving all six past winners of the World Cup.

• Liverpool's recent 13-2 aggregate win over Fulham in the Littlewood's Cup (formerly the English League Cup) was a record for the competition.

• 30-year-old Belenenses defender Alberto, who was out of the game for three years following a broken leg and subsequent complications, has been recalled to the Portuguese national squad.

Switzerland's FC Basilea is the new senior European club reported to be in severe financial difficulty. Its debts are believed to total \$600,000.



Una grande annata per le "italiane"

Stato anche l'anno di Zoran Matic, il modesto tecnico bianconero, che ha dimostrato ampiamente quanto una squadra possa rendere in più tornando a schemi di gioco semplici e lineari in cui l'individuo puo' esprimersi al suo meglio; la sua dimostrazione ha abbondato nel volere la "squadra" senza "individui" ha prodotto del gioco monotono ma che ha ulteriormente stancata ed allontanato i tifosi e dei risultati molto al di sotto del potenziale della formazione.

Alcuni milioni che pensano che questa ultima considerazione si riferisca a McKendry della Juventus di Melbourne, possono soltanto dire: "avete perfettamente ragione".

Al tecnico juventino di Melbourne e' legata infatti la più scottante delusione della tifoseria italiana: la mancata conferma delle zebre di Melbourne a campioni d'Australia. La vuota vittoria del giorno meridionale e' stata conquistata a causa del crollo del JUST da una maschera prova della squadra che nella partita decisiva contro il SMH Haslar sembra di aver fatto delle pali e piede tecniche impossibili delle panchine e giocare con il braccio e la verba che non si vedevano dall'anno precedente. Al "fan club" di McKendry, fatto in maggior parte da stampa "truffiana", vorremmo dire soltanto di non andare a scommettere statistiche per provare il "confinato successo" di questo allenatore.

Per noi il metro di paragone e' sempre basato sui mezzi a disposizione. Zoran Matic ha preso in mano una squadra che era finita nonna l'anno prima, e ha condannato \$200m per un incalzante obiettivo: il titolo nazionale. Len McKendry ha invece preso in mano la squadra campione d'Australia, l'ha rinforzata ulteriormente con costosi acquisti, ha collezionato le piu' pesanti sconfitte nella storia

recente del club, finendo per non vincere nemmeno una partita del torneo finale.

Sulla base di questa considerazione, la riconferma del tecnico per il prossimo anno e' da considerarsi una grossa "sbanda": del comitato in carica per eccesso di lealtà e per essersi fatto abbindolare dal piu' grande "predicatore" di calcio mai venuto in Australia dalle isole inglesi. Ma gli sbagli si pagano, ed il prossimo anno potrebbe essere disastroso per il sodalizio azzurro che cosi' potra' contare sul meglio di due sistemi diversi.

Il prossimo anno potrebbe essere perciò l'anno della definitiva maturazione del Fawkner come squadra di rango nella massima divisione statale e l'inizio di una nuova fase che potrebbe portarlo in Lega Nazionale: siamo sicuri che, per quanto diversi, Schiano e Graffeo sapranno trovare assieme utili dal profondo attaccamento che entrambi hanno per il club.

Nella seconda divisione trionfo italiano in pieno con Veneto Bulleen e Triestina finiti ai primi due posti promozionali, e il terzo diretta. Mentre perciò il primo e' stato diritto come un treno dalla prima partita all'ultima sotto la guida sapiente di Allan Gentry (ex grande della Juve), la seconda ha avuto del tentennamento, soprattutto dalla parte dirigenziale, a causa del nolo incidente che ha costato due punti a tavolino e causo' l'immenso merito (quasi vergognoso) esponente dell'allenatore-giocatore Billy Voytek.

Nelle divisioni inferiori hanno fatto bene Regent, Batman Lazio e Ivanhoe City. Qualche altra partita di squadre minori farebbe ancora tanto bene al calcio italiano.

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Rangers win

fiery final

Graeme Souness won his first trophy since taking over at Glasgow Rangers when his team beat Celtic 2-1 in a bad-tempered Scottish League Cup Final on Sunday which saw 10 players booked and Celtic striker Maurice Johnston sent off.

The game boiled over in the last six minutes after Rangers had gone 2-1 ahead with a penalty converted by winger Davie Cooper. Johnston was shown the red card after an off-the-ball incident with Rangers fullback Stewart Munro, who was booked.

As the Scottish international trudged off the field, team-mate Tony Shepherd also was shown the red card which led Celtic manager David Hay to rush on to the field in an attempt to calm down later Brian McClain equalised with a fine shot.

Rangers earned their penalty when England centre back Terry Butcher was fouled by Celtic's Roy Aitken.

Greek fan killed

A 29-year-old Greek fan died on the weekend after being hit by a firework before a First Division match in Larissa.

The firework, which struck Hellenikos stadium, exploded in the crowd of thousands of fans who were carrying a banner in the shape of the Greek letter alpha, which was held up by a follower of visiting championship leader PAOK Salonika minutes before the game kicked off, police said.

Extra security was in force for the match and no other incidents were reported.

Larissa won the game 2-1 but PAOK remained top of the table on goal difference.

LAS PALMAS TROUNCHED

Spanish league leader Barcelona trounced Las Palmas 4-0 on the weekend as the partnership between British strikers and Mark Hughes and Gary Lineker finally came good.

Barcelona's victory puts it one point ahead of arch-rival Real Madrid which was held to a humiliating 0-0 draw at Cadiz.

First Division results: Beccaria 3 Athletic Bilbao 1, Sabadell 1 Real Valladolid 0, Cadiz 0 Real Madrid 0, Real Mallorca 1 Espanyol 1, Racing 1 Real Murcia 1, Barcelona 4 Las Palmas 0, Osasuna 0 Sporting 2, Real Sociedad 1 Real Zaragoza 0, Atletico Madrid 1 Real Betis 1.

In the 63th minute a lofted pass from Julio Alberto found Lineker, who ran in with a powerful left-footer to score from outside the penalty area.

The Alberto-Lineker partnership opened up the visiting defence again seven minutes

later as the midfielder set up the English striker with a right foot cross.

Gerardo Mirandas sealed the victory with a header nine minutes from time after a foul on Julio Alberto.

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Leading Standings: W D L F A P

| | W | D | L | F | A | P |
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| Barcelona | 6 | 4 | 1 | 18 | 6 | 16 |
| Real Madrid | 5 | 5 | 2 | 10 | 9 | 15 |
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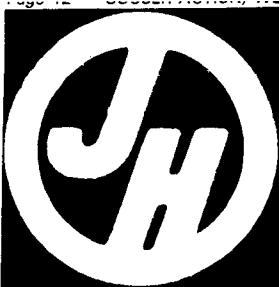
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• Januario D'Alessio (right) president of the FIFUSA, addresses spectators and players at the recent Victorian indoor championships at the Geelong Indoor Soccer Centre. At left is Peter Bacic, Mr D'Alessio's interpreter. A report on the championships is on page 15 and a pictorial tribute to the winning teams appears on page 14.



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• Victorian Minister for Sport and Recreation and local member Neil Tresize, speaking at the official opening of the Victorian indoor championships

The Eliminators dent All-Stars reputation

M. Eliminators 7

Lotto All Stars 3

MELBOURNE ELIMINATORS:
L. Kibar, J. Kotzamachilis,
B. Wondimu, V. Kondinski, J. Metaxas,
R. Noggler, S. Kabede, E. Wondimu.

LOTTO ALL STARS: B. Thurlo, G. Brush, C. Del Guidice,

G. Hart, P. Dalton, D. Beck, S. Peachy.

A slow start by the Eliminators now is their trademark. It first was thought that they were fairly good in the first half only to fade in the second.

This game was not the case as the Lotto All Stars held the prestigious position of second on the James Hardie NISL ladder and were believed to be a very good side.

But this weekend in Melbourne soon changed their reputation.

The All Stars are known to be an aggressive side so Eliminators' coach Dean Poropat began the game with a strong physical side

well with quick goals bringing them to a 3-1 lead.

**Man of the match:
ROBBIE NOGGLER
(M. Eliminators)**

hoping to combat the All Stars.

The first half only produced one goal and it was scored by the All Stars.

At the start of the second half the Eliminators began

the All Stars managed only two goals for the half, one each from Dalton and Beck, but it was the Eliminators who came home happy and victorious.



• Lotto All Stars flew down from Sydney with a huge reputation but they found the Melbourne Eliminators a little too hot to handle.

JAMES HARDIE NATIONAL LEAGUE GAME

MELBOURNE ELIMINATORS VS ANSETT VALLEY STARS

SAT, NOV. 1 — 8.00 pm

Ladies Games "ELIMINETTES" vs "VALLEY STARS" at 7.00pm
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TORNADOES TURN IT ON

Syd Tornadoes 8
 Can Ampol Rock. 2

This was the return leg of the first televised game on SBS in which Tornadoes won 5-3.

There has always been a lot of spite and fierce competitiveness between the two teams and this game was no exception. Tornadoes began full of confidence and their tactical approach

to the game was to prove the telling factor.

The Tornadoes took the lead through a brilliant goal by Steven Knight which rocketed into the roof of the net.

Glen Jeffery then received a ball from goalkeeper Craig Carlisle and turned his man to slot the ball past the keeper. He repeated that performance a minute later to make it 3-0.

Soon after a brilliant solo run from Emil Maricic saw him beat three players and slot the ball past the advancing keeper. This gave the Rockets a glimmer of hope but they tattered their defence.

Once again however, Glen Jeffery broke free and planted the ball firmly in the back of the net for his hat-trick.

Just before half-time,

Emil Maricic repeated his earlier solo run and slotted the ball past keeper Carlisle at the same corner.

At half-time the scoreline was 4-2 but it definitely looked like Tornadoes were going to run away with it.

The second half saw some very tough tackles creeping into the game and the blue card was introduced. John Lembray was the first to go and Steven Knight quickly followed suit but not before he added Tornadoes fifth goal.

Robbie Stuart, Glen Jeffery and George Psaroudis added a further three goals to make the score 8-02, and then the Rockets concentrated on playing the man.

Eventually they had two players blue-carded and they had already used their substitutions. Therefore, the game could not continue as the Rockets only had three players on the field.

— SCOTT MITCHELL

Steven Knight strikes and Strikers fold

Syd. Tornadoes 7
 Can. Strikers 4

Canberra Strikers had a lot to prove in this game.

They were still smarting from the 10-2 thrashing they received in the first clash. Their determination certainly showed and they were unlucky not to swing this one in their favor.

From the outset the Strikers took the lead and had the Tornadoes reeling. But from the kick-off a shot from Scott Gilligan hit the post and Robbie Stuart, following up, slotted the ball home. This goal sparked the Tornadoes into attack and they dominated the rest of the first half.

Some fine defence from John Lembray soon turned to attack and he found the net to make it 2-1. Steven Knight put Tornadoes further ahead when he slotted the ball past the advancing keeper.

Just before half-time Scott Gilligan received the ball just inside the field of play and from an acute angle steered the ball into the roof of the net. This made the score 4-1 at half-time and Tornadoes were looking good.

From the restart however, the Strikers seemed to be a different team. They brought the ball forward at every opportunity and Tornadoes were, once again, reeling. Two quick goals were scored and the Strikers were back in the game and at this stage were looking like a winning side.

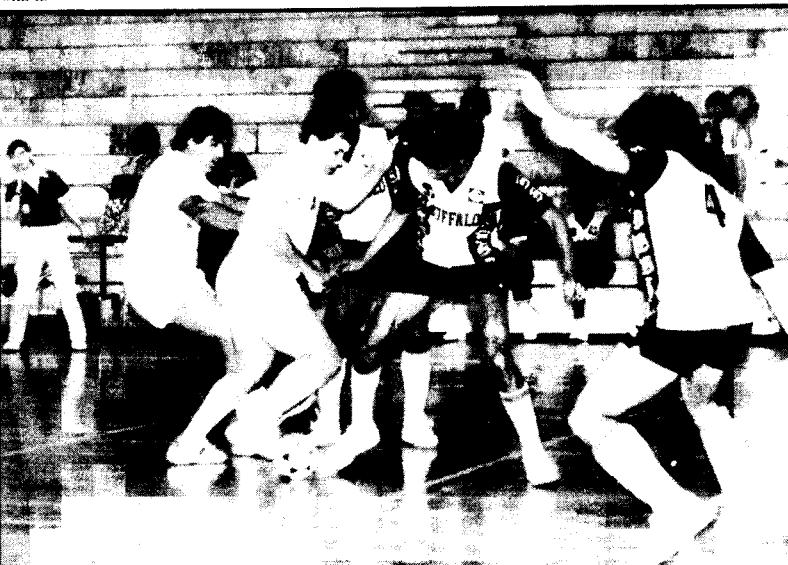
But this was not to happen. Within 30 seconds, Robbie Stuart broke down the sideline and from wide out fired the ball home to put Tornadoes ahead. This was the spark Tornadoes needed and they lifted their game.

The Strikers had to charge the Tornadoes at every opportunity and were leaving themselves exposed at the back.

Steven Knight received a ball just outside the area but before he could shoot the goalkeeper had advanced from his area and virtually tackled him rugby league style. He then got up and threw the ball at Steven Knight's face, earning the blue card.

From the spot Steven Knight made it 6-4 and Strikers seemed to fold. Steven Knight capped off a fine performance when he scored his third and Tornadoes seventh just before full time.

— SCOTT GILLIGAN



• S. Peachey and G. Brush of the Lotto All Stars (white strips) get in a tangle with F. Carvalho and J. Ribiero of the Buffalo Mets.

Man of the match:
LUCKY INTURISI
(Buffalo Mets)

Buffalo Mets 5
Lotto All Stars 3

BUFFALO METS: L. Inturisi, J. Ribiero, F. Carvalho, C. Ferreira, A. De Melo, P. De Melo, V. Carvalho.
Lotto All Stars: B. Thurlow, P. Dalton, C. Delgiudice, P. Starmouse, M. Beck,

MIGHTY METS

B. Gilligan, S. Peachey, G. Ross, G. Brush, D. Peachey

The Mets showed their expertise and good footwork against the rougher Lotto side which amassed a massive number of fouls in the first half which kept the Mets lead down to 2-0.

E. Carvalho and A. De Melo from the Mets posted their first goals whilst S. Peachey, the captain for the All Stars, scored their first.

Keeper for the Mets, Lucky Inturisi, played a brilliant game thwarting a number of good scoring opportunities created by the All Stars.

After the break, we saw the Mets put the first second half goal away giving them a 3-1 lead.

The All Stars found that opportunities were not coming their way and the fouls again built up.

The All Stars soon replied

with a goal but the Mets could not be denied and goals came from Ribiero and Carvalho to give them a 5-3 lead.

The Lotto All Stars managed one more goal but not before controversy arose. M. Beck, having already received a five yellow cards, got a blue card and was not pleased. After confronting the referee he was given a red card and sent from the field.

The game ended with a 5-3 victory to the Buffalo Mets.

JAMES HARDIE NATIONAL LEAGUE GAME

BUFFALO METS VS ANSETT VALLEY STARS

SUN, NOV 2. 3pm

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• Latrobe Valley, senior Victorian women's champions



• Avondale, Victorian under 18 champions, back row: P. Susnjara (coach), E. Hrbolic, J. Rados, P. Stepic, K. Rajic. Front: Z. Lerotic, J. Cuze, A. Susnjara. Mascot: S. Susnjara.



• Geelong Eliminators, Victorian under 16 champions, back row: Martin Colak, Ivan Skoko, Charlie Pinjuh, Zoran Roso, Steve Horvat. Front: Peter Seremet.

YEATES ENTERPRISES

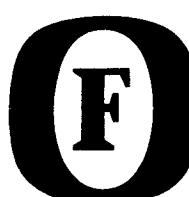
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• Geelong Blue, runners-up in the women's State final, back row: "Jazz" Paulak, Kathy Simovic, Debbie Watson, Celia Gribben. Front: Ingrid Velcek, Angela Jiketa, Sue Johnson, Anita Zadkovic.



• Geelong Santos, runners-up in the State under-14 final, back row: Adrian Cervinski, Chris Szukuta, Jason McAuliffe, Ross Hay, Robbie Dimovski, Tony Bozinoski. Front: Roy Hay (manager), Peter Sorocuk, Michael Spasevski, Kris Trajanovski, Grant Carr, Paul Halliday (coach).

Grasshoppers catch Goodonya on the hop

Grasshoppers 11
Goodonya 3

GRASSHOPPERS: S. Di Corrado, M. Contos, S. Sella, M. Kyriakopoulos, V. Kondinski, J. Metaxas, A. Kotzamichalis, I. Murador, J. Contos.

GOODONYA: G. Giordano, E. Koulouriots, G. Thalassinos, P. Markakos, S. Pamouktis, B. Nikolakos.

This was a totally one-sided Preston League final where the Grasshoppers hopped easily over their grand-final opponents.

White Goodonya was busy getting used to the new court at Templestowe, the Grasshoppers were going about the business of destroying Goodonya.

Within 10 minutes the Grasshoppers were 5-0 up and the game was over bar the shouting.

It was a tremendous exhibition of indoor soccer.

The Grasshoppers led 9-

2 at the break and finally won convincingly.

John Metaxas scored four with a hat trick by Aki Kotzamichalis. Velce Kondinski and Silvio Sella scored two each.

Sock Pamouktis scored two and Peter Markakos scored one for Goodonya.

George Thalassinos was adamant after the game that his wife was a jinx, but there are no excuses in this one, George.

Congratulations to the Grasshoppers for winning the league and to Goodonya for a fine match.

Mak Raiders 2
Zaggers 1

MAKEDONIAN RAIDERS: N. Ribiero, S. Kondinski, D. McKay, A. Salantioglu, F. Desaubin, M. Tosevski.

ZAGGERS: V. Di Lorito, J. Insana, C. Renna, M. De Ryk, R. Hagen, L. Canevski, N. Staikos.

The grand final of the Preston Youth League was a beauty.

It was very tight throughout, with only a goal sepa-

rating the two teams in the end.

With the two teams going into the break level at 1-1, it was decided by a goal in the second half by Mazda Tosevski, winner of the best and fairest and top goalscorer awards in this league.

The Zaggers could not get the breaks they needed during the game but they showed great determination throughout the finals to make the big one.

Congratulations to the Makedonian Raiders, which proved they were the best team throughout the season.

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PYTHONS STEAL THE SHOW

By ROY HAY

ing in defence for the losers.

The under-15 final was a nail-biting affair, as Geelong's San Paulo fought back from a 4-2 deficit to equalise in the last minute and force the game into extra time. Two blistering free kicks by Peter Milanovic did the damage. Baywater Bombers proved too strong in extra time and won 7-5. Jason Marks got a hat trick for the winners. Martin Nell contributed a double, and Miles Tidd and Jamie Primsen got the others. Dougall McBurnie and Jason Franulovic got

the first two goals for Geelong and Peter Milanovic completed his hat trick in extra time, but it was not enough.

At under-14 level, Knox beat Geelong Santos by the odd goal in five, with an Ashley Bullock hat trick proving decisive. Adrian Cervinski scored the goal of the tournament for Geelong as he anticipated a long, high lob from Kris Trajanovski and volleyed it past Frank Talia. His second goal came in the dying seconds of the game. Knox and Santos drew in the preliminary round, so only one goal separated the teams after two classic matches.

Celtics v Barbas

Celtics 7

Man Excited 2

This semi final at Thomastown was to see who would meet the Brilliant Barbas in the Grand Final.

This game was played at a fantastic pace and the teams came in tied at 2-2 at half time.

The second half proved to be one-way traffic, with

the Celtics breaking loose and bagging in another four goals while Peter Panaspis scored two.

Peter Markakos and Sock Panoukakis scored one each for Manchester Excited.

This week's final is sure to be a beauty with two excellent teams playing for the trophy.

STANDINGS

James Hardie NISL results: Melbourne Eliminators 7, Lotto All Stars 3, Buffalo Mets 5, Lotto All Stars 3, Sydney Turnados 3, Canberra Rockets 2, Ansett Valley Stars 8, Lotto All Stars 2, Brisbane Buffaloes 1, Enduro Spartans 0, Mackay Monarchs 1, Enduro Spartans 6, Sydney Turnados 7, Canberra City Strikers 4.

James Hardie NISL standings

| | W | D | L | F | A | Pt |
|------------------------|----|---|---|----|----|----|
| James Hardie NISL | 14 | 0 | 1 | 87 | 38 | 43 |
| Lotto All Stars | 9 | 0 | 6 | 60 | 64 | 33 |
| Brisbane Buffaloes | 7 | 0 | 5 | 59 | 40 | 26 |
| Enduro Spartans | 6 | 0 | 8 | 80 | 80 | 26 |
| Canberra City Strikers | 6 | 0 | 7 | 62 | 75 | 25 |
| Melb Eliminators | 5 | 1 | 6 | 64 | 69 | 23 |
| Ansett Valley Stars | 6 | 0 | 4 | 70 | 46 | 22 |
| Buffalo Mets | 4 | 0 | 8 | 55 | 73 | 20 |
| Canberra Rockets | 3 | 1 | 7 | 66 | 75 | 18 |
| Mackay Monarchs | 1 | 0 | 9 | 23 | 52 | 12 |

Donvale League Gr 1 stand

| | W | D | L | F | A | Pt |
|-------------------|---|---|---|----|----|----|
| Kaiser Chiefs | 4 | 0 | 1 | 26 | 17 | 13 |
| Smooth Operators | 3 | 1 | 0 | 21 | 13 | 11 |
| Gippsland Ghosts | 3 | 0 | 2 | 29 | 24 | 11 |
| Canons | 3 | 0 | 1 | 19 | 10 | 10 |
| Carcioffi Rangers | 2 | 0 | 3 | 13 | 25 | 9 |
| Zlatanya Luka | 1 | 1 | 2 | 22 | 25 | 7 |
| Riviera | 1 | 0 | 3 | 11 | 17 | 6 |
| White Peles | 0 | 1 | 2 | 13 | 19 | 4 |
| Los Muchachos | 0 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 22 | 4 |

Donvale League Gr 2 stand

| | W | D | L | F | A | Pt |
|-------------------|---|---|---|----|----|----|
| Fijiiana | 7 | 0 | 4 | 45 | 24 | 21 |
| Sweatheogs | 5 | 1 | 2 | 46 | 28 | 19 |
| Zobel | 6 | 0 | 9 | 91 | 9 | 18 |
| Nike | 3 | 1 | 3 | 41 | 23 | 14 |
| Raiders | 4 | 0 | 2 | 39 | 32 | 14 |
| Adriatic Slackers | 1 | 3 | 3 | 25 | 36 | 14 |
| Bonds | 3 | 0 | 4 | 34 | 40 | 13 |
| Azzurri | 3 | 0 | 4 | 30 | 26 | 13 |
| Master Blaster | 1 | 2 | 4 | 20 | 44 | 11 |
| Peperoncini | 0 | 2 | 5 | 19 | 63 | 9 |
| Disciples | 0 | 1 | 6 | 26 | 65 | 8 |

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